

Dear Jim, House transcript

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~~2227272~~ I stayed up late last night and read the entire executive session transcript of the House assassin committee.

They are more wildly unreal than I'd believed, low an opinion as I held.

They could not be more irresponsible. For supposedly sophisticated people, lawyers, former FBI agent, judge. careers like that, the way they talk and what they without question believe is incredible/

From the way Sprague and the other lawyers talk, what they present as factual, it is hard to believe there is a total explanation in the nutz stuff.

However, there is no doubt that they live and breathe the nuttiest of the nut stuff. The result has already been a large digression. They plot another. What they have in mind may ruin forever any chances of developing the truth of what happened in New Orleans and having it believed.

In deciding that theyk have to go after Marcello they have stolen the undepenable work of Noyes and embellished on it. They thus pretend they have Marcello connected with the JFK assassination two ways: through Ferrie in New Orleans and what they call Brady in both Dallas at the scene and through Ferrie and Marcello's office in N.O.

There is much, more more. I am limiting myself to this to ask you to speak to the Washington lawyer who used to represent Marcello, Jack Wasserman. I would like to speak to Wasserman, not out of love for Marcello but because this will further defame all criticism of the official explanations of the assassinations. I think I can be of unique help to Wasserman if he has to defend Marcello because I have unique knowledge and was alone in a relevant role, long ago and with these people.

In reading the transcript I see what they now plan to do to Santos Trafficante. It is clear that his lawyer made the mistake I said at the time he made in putting it all on the client and not making legal arguments that should have been apparent. There was no conflict between this and the Constitutional claim. Please do not spell this out to Wasserman now but lawyer Gonzalez should have argued that this committee had no legislative purpose in calling Trafficante. Without laying a groundwork, even if they have rectified the resolution, which did not state a legislative purpose, they lack any legislative purpose.

This relates perhaps more to Marcello but I believe to both. With what I know a good lawyer would have no trouble blowing up the false pretense of these headline-seekers. I believe the House then, at the least, would seek to ^{hold} the committee down to a responsible course. I say seek because I believe it is not possible. These cats have been persuaded to every nut theory there is, including those that are mutually exclusive. The Lanes have them believing that anyone who disagrees with them is out to wreck them and ipso facto a federal agent.

How crazy!